(a) whether it is a fact that under Component Plan, all State Governments are required to spend a fixed percentage of amount from the Centra! budget allocation on the welfare of SCs/STs in their respective States;

(b) if so, the amount spent by each State during the last five years, year-wise;

(c) whether there is any Central agency to monitor or act as a watch-dog to ensure smooth functioning of the plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) No, sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) In regard to sectoral programmes and schemes of development of Scheduled Tribes, policy, planning, monitoring and evaluation is the responsibility of concerned Centra! Ministries/Departments, State Governments and UT Administrations. Each Ministry/Departments is the nodal Ministry/ Department concerning its sector. However, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs is the nodal Ministry for overall policy, planning, monitoring and coordination of programmes of development for the Scheduled Tribes.

Regularisation of Services of Contractual Engineering Employees in EIL

*389. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that management of Engineers India Limited (EIL) have taken a policy decision in June, 2000 for the absorption/regularisation of the services of engineering employees taken on contract;

(b) if so, the broad details of the decisions taken;

(c) whether according to one of the decisions, employees who have rendered two—seven years services will be subjected to regorous written tests and interviews; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what are the rules/regulations for conducting tests/interviews after rendering successful service for two to seven years?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 50% of vacancies/requirements of Management Trainees will be filled on an annual basis from contract engineers working in the Company or who have left the services of the Company on account of completion of contract period/foreclosure of contract and meeting the selection criteria.

(c) and (d) The contract engineers are required to undertake written test/ interview for being considered for regular appointment in the Company as their selection as contract engineers was on criteria different from regular recruitment criteria. The rules and regulations for conducting such tests and interviews are under finalisation by the Company.

Production of Different Types of Tea

*390. SHRI BJ. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are brand names of different types of tea grown in different States;

(b) the public/private sector companies which own the tea gardens where these tea are grown;

(c) the total hectares of land owned by each tea company;

(d) the total area actually brought under tea cultivation by these companies;

(e) which of those tea are exported to different countries; and

(f) the details of the export made during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The Tea Board has registered specific logos namely Darjaling, Assam and Nilgiris for the teas grown in the plantation areas of Darjaling, Assam Valley and Nilgiris respectively. Apart from these, teas are marketed under different names by the respective producers/manufacturers.

(b) to (e) The total number of Public/Private Ltd. companies owning tea gardens in India are 567 in addition to more than 35000 proprietorship/ partnership firms including small growers. The total area under cultivation of tea is 4,37,857 hectare. The total grant area and tea area of 15 major Public/ Private Ltd. companies which accounts for 28.43% of the total tea area of the country is given below: